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Schooner Grounds on Reef R&S Man Makes Third Rescue at Harbor



Above, the stranded schooner "Surprize" lies heeled over as Lago's tug "Colorado Point" (out of picture to left) tries to get a line to it. Below, Gordon Owen readies his Snipe sailboat to take the schooner captain, third from left, out to watch salvage operations. Others in the picture are Leonard McReynolds, Community Council representative, and Cyril Bryan of the wrecked schooner's crew.



The normally-mild Caribbean made a staunch effort to claim another victim this week when the 65-ton two-masted schooner "Surprize" went aground on the reef several hundred yards west of the Esso Club. The schooner left Oranjestad the afternoon of December 29 bound for Curaçao and St. Martin; at 2 a.m. next morning it piled up on the hidden fields of coral that lie like a trap between the end of the reef and the mainland. On a shoreward tack the lookout delayed too long in ordering the ship about, and it struck bow-on just as it started to turn.

Nine men were aboard, with Captain Thadeus Hodge, a 65-year-old veteran, in command. They came ashore after daylight, and through the day moved the ship's gear to Rodger's Beach and attempted to seal breaks in the hull while preparations were being made to tow her off into deep water.

The cargo of 200 drums of gasoline was left aboard, to increase the buoyancy of the ship if it took in much water after being refloated.

Efforts began Sunday (December 30)

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Director di Surinam Ta Bishita School di Ofishi

Siman pasá Director di Schoolnan di Ofishi na Surinam, J. H. Stebenitsky, a inspectá e School di Ofishi di Lago. El a worde acompañá durante su bishita na School door di E. F. Welch, llefe di School di Ofishi di Lago.

Tambe presente durante e bishita tabata G. Kok, Inspector di Euseyanza na Aruba y G. Amelink, Director di Ambachtschool di Aruba.

Sr. Stebenitsky a bini Aruba pa haci un estudio tocante enseyanza di ofishi y a bishita e schoolnan di gobierno y tambe e School di Ofishi di Lago. Aunque Surinam tin schoolnan di ofishi ya 16 anja caba, esakinan ta ariba un base limitá. Oficialnan di gobierno aya awor tin plan pa mehorá e enseyanza aki.

E obheto di e bishita di Sr. Stebenitsky tabata pa por mira ki curso ta worde duná door di otro schoolnan tecnico grandi den e bicindario y pa haya sabi e metodonan cu ta worde usá pa sinja e varios ofishinan.

E Director di Surinam a parece di ta favorablemente impresioná ariba loke el a mira y tabata particularmente interesá den e programa di training den shop na Lago. Awor el ta spera di traha tallernan na Surinam segun e mes metodo.

New Asst. Ed. Added



A. M. Brodine, above, joined the staff of the Aruba Esso News last month as assistant editor. A graduate of Iowa State College with a degree in technical Journalism, he has had experience with both newspapers and magazines. During the war he spent nearly six years in the U.S. Air Force as ground and aerial photographer and laboratory chief.

"Man Overboard!" The shout went up about 1 a.m., December 28, on Finger Pier No. 2. Working the 12 to 8 shift nearby was Maxwell E. Pantophlet, a man who has twice before acted heroically to save the lives of others.

He raced to a spot on the wharf where lights were flashing and looking over the side of the concrete pier he saw a man floating face down in the water. Without hesitation, Pantophlet jumped down to save him.

At the scene of the accident, a system of pipes and I-beam girders runs parallel to Pier No. 2. The pipes are four or five feet above the water. It was onto these structures that Pantophlet leaped. In order to reach his man, he had to hang on like an acrobat, with one arm and a leg wrapped around an I-beam.

From his precarious position, Pantophlet was just able to reach his quarry, although he skinned his forearm in doing so. Then other men up on the pier joined the rescue and by grasping Pantophlet's belt while he held on to the unconscious victim, both men were pulled to safety.

Later, when asked if someone had used a rope to wrap around his middle in order to haul him up, Pantophlet looked at his belt and with a soft smile, said "No. This is a good belt."

Still thinking only of saving the victim, Pantophlet began applying artificial respiration until, a few moments later, he was relieved by the chief mate of the Esso Reading, a ship docked nearby.

After several anxious minutes during which time there appeared to be no life in the man, the victim began to breathe again. Pantophlet thinks the man might not have survived if he had been pulled from the water and artificial respiration started, as he says, "Five seconds later."

Called to the scene by Lago Police, the Lago ambulance took the man to the Dispensary where he was treated and then transferred to the San Pedro Hospital in Oranjestad. At the Dispensary, the victim was identified as L. Allen, 30, from County Cork, Ireland, an able seaman from the British-owned tanker, Busen Rollo.

Allen had been on shore leave for the evening and was returning to his ship when the accident took place. His ship was to sail that evening for an extended voyage into the whaling grounds of the Antarctic where it will refuel whaling ships and then take on whale oil for shipment to market. Allen signed on the ship in England last December 3.

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Govt. & Lago Employees Join in Annual Party

It may be hard to believe, but giving away large baskets of "goodies" just before the Christmas holidays wasn't exactly easy at the Lago party for more than 300 Aruba government employees. The first door prize given away, for example, was a food basket containing a turkey, fresh fruit, and candy, but there were no takers until the ninth number was called. The prize would have been given away on the first number drawn, however, if only someone with the right number had just shouted, "Here!"

Winner of that first hard-to-give-away prize was Sam T. Croes, of the San Nicholas Post Office. Other winners included Marie Palm, Customs Officer, who won a set of beer mugs; L. Leenheer, San Nicholas Police, a food basket; W. G. Van du Weide, Post Office, winner of a camera; V. Mierlo, Chief of Detectives, San Nicholas Police, a food basket; Henny Leeder, Customs Officer, who won a large ham; C. Lopez, Customs Officer, a Ronson cigarette lighter; and C. Riem, San Nicholas Police, a set of poker chips. Several other



On hand at the airport to greet Gregorio Frank on his return from a radio course in the United States were his wife and four sons; from left, Roderick, aged 4 months; Edwin, 5½; Albert, 8; and Nelson, 3.

Presente na aeropuerto pa saluda Gregorio Frank na su regreso for di un curso di radio na Estados Unidos tabata su esposa y cuatro yiu homber. For di banda robéz: Rodrick, 4 luna bieuw; Edwin, 5½; Albert, 8; y Nelson, 3.

Dia Gregorio L. Frank, Staff Foreman den Instrument Shop, a sali pa Estados Unidos den luna di September pa tuma un curso den radio comunicacion (recepcion y emision), el no a pensa di mira un cara conoci sino te dia e bolbe back na Aruba. Viajando cu aeroplano pa Miami, Frank a tuma un trein pa Ciudad di New York unda un representante di compania a bin contre'le kende a haci ultimo arreglonan pa su permanencia na Estados Unidos. Despues di a pasa varios dia na New York, durante cual el no tabatin mucho oportunidad pa mira e lugarnan principal, Frank a bula pa Chicago na unda el mester a keda

17 dia den e planta di Motorola Corporation studiando metodonan di fabricacion di lampi di radio. Na Chicago Frank tabatin e sorpresa agradable di a contra cu dos amigo bieuw. Un di su amigonan for di Aruba mes tabata M. King kende tambe ta un empleado di Lago. King tabata pasando su vacacion na Chicago y awor a bolbe na su trabao den oficina di Accounting. E otro amigo cu Frank a contra na Chicago tabata James Viapree di Guyana Britanico cu awor ta un miembro di Fuerza Aerea di Estados Unidos. E dia ey el tabatin algun tempo liber na Chicago. Frank a pasa mayoria di su hora liber hunto cu su dos tercionan y asina el tabata leuw di ta solitario. "En realidad", el a bisa, "Mi a pasa un bon tempo."

Mientras Frank tabata studiando e metodonan cu Motorola ta usa pa traha aparatonan di radio, el a mira cu tur cos ta bai ariba un linea di armamento ariba cual piezanan ta poni mientras muhernan tabata haci mayoria di e trabao di armamento.

Despues cu e fase di su training aki a caba, Frank a bisa ayo na su amigonan na Chicago y a tuma un trein pa bai back New York.

Ora el a yega New York el a reporta na Mobile Communications Inc., Newark, New Jersey, pa completa su estudio. Na Newark tambe Frank a topa cu un otro amigo bieuw, e biaha aki "Han" Hansen di Surinam, un persona cu Frank "pa casualidad tabata conoce". Hansen awor ta traha pa un compania di "air conditioning" na Newark.

Na Newark Frank a sinja hopi ariba aparatonan mobil di radio di e tipo cu a worde recientemente instalá na Lago. Entre otro el a cera conoci cu e ultimo metodonan y aparatonan di test. El a bisa cu e informacion aki lo ta valuable pa busca defecto y pa "alineá" tur e aparatonan mobil di comunicacion, cual ta un paso necesario pa asegura cu tur e aparatonan di e sistema mobil ta traha bon hunto.

Dia el a yega na aeropuerto na Aruba, Bigala su esposa y cuatro yiu homber tabata sperando pa salud'e. Aunque el tabata hopi ocupa na Estados Unidos y a pasa un bon tempo aya, Frank no a lubida su familia. El a trece regalo for di Merca pa cada un di nan, incluyende "principalmente traje di cowboy y zapato halto" pa e mucha hombernan. "Nan ta mes interesa den Hopalong Cassidy cu e muchanan na Merca."

In Newark, Frank learned a great deal about mobile radio equipment of the type recently installed at Lago. Among other things, he became acquainted with the latest testing equipment and methods. This information, he says, will be valuable in trouble-shooting and in "aligning" the entire mobile radio set-up, a step necessary to insure that all units of the system work properly together.

When he landed at the airport back in Aruba, his wife, Bigala and four sons were waiting to greet him. Although he had been very busy in the States and had a good time besides, Frank didn't forget his family. He brought presents from America for each of them, including "mostly cow-

boy suits and boots" for the boys. "They're just as interested in Hopalong Cassidy as kids in America," he says with a grin.

Frank, who is 34 years old, has been with Lago eighteen and a half years.

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Irene Home After Successful Series of Operations in U.S.



Smiling and healthy, Irene Jacobs is shown with her mother, left, and her sister Juliata shortly after she arrived at Dakota field upon her return from the States. Also on hand were Carlos L. Juliaa, president, Aruba Lions Club, and Monte Maduro, head of the Irene Jacobs campaign.

Aki nos ta mira Irene Jacobs, harioendo y gozando di bon salud, hunto cu su mama, (na banda robes) y su ruman mohé Juliata, poco despues cu el a yega na Dakota vliegvelde fo'i Merca. Tambe tabata presente Carlos L. Juliaa, presidente di Club di Leones, y Monte Maduro, cu a encabeza e campaña pa Irene Jacobs.

Completely recovered, pert little Irene Jacobs is baek in Aruba with full use of her once badly damaged throat. She came back December 23, just in time to celebrate Christmas at home after getting special surgical treatment in the United States.

At the airport, Irene was greeted by officials of the Aruba Lions Club, sponsors of the fund-raising campaign that sent her to the States for the operations that brought her back to full health. Irene told the Lion Club officials that she "will always remember the Lions Club," and will "pray for them every night." Then, before going home, 13-year old Irene went directly to church.

At her home — which she found freshly painted and flying the Dutch flag to mark the happy event — Irene found the first Christmas tree she had ever had in her own home. (Most of Irene's Christmases have been spent in hospitals.) Under the tree were many presents from friends and relatives.

In the United States, Irene had been under the care of the world famous throat specialist Dr. Chevalier Jackson. Dr. Jackson had figured in another famous operation on a girl's throat, and that girl, too, lived under the flag of Holland. The girl, from Amsterdam, was getting ready to be married and accidentally swallowed an open pin. When no one was able to remove the pin, Fls. 11,000 was quickly raised and the girl was sent to the United States where she was operated on by Dr. Jackson.

The doctor devised a unique method for the operation and was able to remove the pin quickly in an operation that received widespread attention in the medical world. For his services, all the doctor would accept as payment was the pin, which he kept as a souvenir.

At the Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia, Dr. Jackson performed a series of delicate operations on Irene. These completed a long train of treatments begun here in Aruba by Dr. A. A. Schlacter of Oranjestad, whose insistence that she could be fully cured started the chain of events that finally placed Irene in the care of Dr. Jackson.

Five years ago, when Irene was only seven, she tripped and fell while carrying an opened can of Klin. The force of her fall ripped away the protective ring which ordinarily covers the sharp metal edge of the can. It was this razor-like edge that covered tubes in Irene's throat, making it impossible for her to swallow or breathe properly.

A special opening to her stomach by-passed the wound in the esophagus, and a metal breathing-tube was inserted in the trachea, but after

New V.P. and Board Member Elected

Election of a new vice president and an additional member to its Board of Directors was announced last month by S. O. Co. (N.J.).

The new vice president is Emile E. Soubry, who has been a director since January 1949. The new director is David A. Shepard, who has been executive assistant to President Eugene Holman since October 1949. The Board of Directors now numbers fifteen.



E. E. Soubry D. A. Shepard

Mr. Soubry started with the Company in 1911 as a clerk in the shipping department of the affiliate in London. Before becoming a director he was foreign marketing coordinator for the parent company.

Mr. Shepard joined the Company in 1927 as a research engineer after graduation from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Before becoming executive assistant to the president he served as chairman of the Board of Anglo-American Oil Company.

DEATHS

Joseph da Silva of the Catalytic & Light Ends Department died December 30 at the age of 37. Hailing from British Guiana, he had twelve and a half years service, and was an assistant operator. He is survived by his mother and five brothers.

Stranded Schooner

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30) to salvage the schooner. Starting in mid-afternoon and going on until dark, the tug "Colorado Point" attempted to get a tow line to the "Surprise", but without success. Since launches could not reach the wreck because of shallow water over the coral outcroppings, a small boat had to be used to bring in the first light rope, and men on the schooner were unable to pull in the heavy hawser needed for the tow job. The tug went out Monday for renewed attempts to save the schooner, and whether or not it was successful is not known as the Esso News goes to press.

The wreck has heartbreaking aspects for Captain Hodge, who is said to have all his family's resources tied up in the craft. His son, Pierre Hodge, a Receiving & Shipping Dept. dock corporal who acts as sub-foreman, is part owner in the enterprise, and with his father has been exerting every effort to build up the schooner's business.

The captain's son-in-law is Jose Trappenberg, formerly of Industrial Relations but now a shopkeeper in San Nicolas. One member of the crew, Cyril Bryau, worked at the Dining Hall here from April 1948 to April 1950. Most of the men in the crew are from St. Martin.

FLASH

Disaster wrote Finis to the story when the schooner sank in deep water after being pulled clear of the rocks.

Are You a Palindrome?

If your name is Hannah or Otto, you're a palindrome. That doesn't mean you like bicycle racing, which is done in a velodrome — it means your name reads the same whether you spell it forward or backward.

Palindroming is a hobby; for a great many years people have been constructing clever sentences that read the same both ways. The best known, and one of the earliest, is "Madam, I'm Adam". Here are some other ingenious ones:

See, slave, I demonstrate yet arts no medieval sees.

"Not New York", Roy went on.

No, I save on final plan if no evasion.

I saw desserts, I'd no lemons, alas, no melon; distressed was I.

Are we not drawn onward, we few, drawn onward to new era?

— Hearst Feature Service

Mother of Six Gets Wheel Chair Gift



Mrs. Carmacina Croes is shown with four of her six children the day she got her new wheelchair. Others in the picture are officers of the Dorcas Welfare Society of which Mrs. A. Klingbeil, R. N. is the Director.

Den e portret nos por mira Sra. Carmacina Croes cu cuatro di su seis yunan e dia cu el a haya su wielstoel nobo. E otro hendenan cu ta aparece den e portret ta oficialnan di e "Dorcas Welfare Society" di cual sociedad Sra. A. Klingbeil, R. N. ta Directora.

Carmacina Croes now has a wheel-chair. She has needed one for 36 years. Paralyzed at the age of seven, she nevertheless got married about 20 years ago and now is the mother of six children. The oldest is 15. With her husband and children, Mrs. Croes lives in Macuarima, Santa Cruz.

Mrs. Croes might still be without her wheelchair if it hadn't been for some good fortune that came to one of her staunchest friends, the Dorcas Welfare Society. About two months ago, the Society opened their new club house. One of the guests at the inauguration was Mrs. Croes; another was Ernst Finck, of Lago's Medical Department.

Mama di Seis Yiu Ta Haya un Wielstoel

Carmacina Croes awor tin un wielstoel. E tabatin mester di un desde 36 anja pasá caba. A pesar cu e tabata paralitico desde su edad di siete anja, sin embargo el a casa mas o menos 20 anja pasá y awor e ta mama di seis yiu. Su yiu di mas bieu tin 15 anja. Senjora Croes cu su esposo y yunan ta biba na Macuarima, Santa Cruz.

Te ainda quizas Senjora Croes por a keda sin su wielstoel, si no tabata pa motibo di bon fortuna cu a yega cerca un di su amigonan mas fiel, e sociedad bienhechora "Dorcas Welfare Society". Mas o menos dos luna pasá e sociedad a habri nan clubhuis nobo. Uno di e invitadonan na e inau-

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Finck became interested in providing Mrs. Croes with a wheelchair, and he talked with Lago officials who were able to provide a surplus chair which was given to the Dorcas Society. The Society, in turn, put the chair in A-1 condition and presented it to Mrs. Croes.

Mrs. Croes and her family consider the chair "a great blessing." Now, for the first time since her paralysis thirty-six years ago, she is able to travel a fair distance without help. During the past holidays, she was busy paying Christmas visits to friends and neighbors. And that is one of the most striking things about Mrs. Croes. Almost always pleasant and smiling, she thinks about others more often than herself.



Prior to his wedding December 14, Conrad Welch of the Cable Office was given a Mix-Master and a silver dish by friends and co-workers in the Accounting-Service Division. The presentation was made by Etta Williamson. His marriage to Veronica Dash took place in the Dutch Reformed Church, Oranjestad. The newlyweds will reside at General Major De Bruijne Wijk No. 40 Sabaneta.



Jacques Eltis, fork-lift truck operator at the Wholesale Commissary, was presented with a decanter set and a set of silver by his fellow employees in a presentation made by D. G. Richards (right) on the eve of his marriage December 15 to Adeline Le Grande. The ceremony took place at the Methodist Church in San Nicholas with the Rev. Robert A. Kirtley officiating. The couple will reside in Rooi Hundo.

Members of the Executive Service Division Office got together December 11 to present a check and good wishes to Dulcie Gazendam (right) before her departure December 15 for Montreal, Canada where she and her husband will make their new home.



Co-workers of Joseph Peterson of the M&C Storehouse presented him with a check prior to his marriage December 14 to Mildred Julia Williams in a ceremony at the Methodist Church, San Nicholas. The couple will make their home at Essoville 49. Harry Gordon (right) made the presentation on behalf of the M&C employees.



Cat Cracker Again Becomes Vast Tree

Transformed again into of the world's tallest Christmas trees, the Catalytic Cracking Unit with its hundreds of colored lights stood as a Christmas beacon for all the eastern end of Aruba and for ships at sea.

A new and striking feature of the refinery's 1951 Christmas decorations was the floodlighted manger scene facing San Nicolas on the roof of the check building at the Main Gate.

The decorations will be lighted through Sunday, January 6.

Wielstoel

guracion di e clubhuis tabata Sra. Croes y un otro tabata Sr. Ernst Finck, empleado di Departamento Medico di Lago.

Finck a haya masha interes pa busca un wielstoel pa Sra. Croes y el a papia cu e oficialnan di Lago, kenanan por a duna un wielstoel cu tabatin di mas na e Sociedad "Dorcas".

Sra. Croes y su familia ta considera e wielstoel como "un gran bendicion". Awor, pa di promer biaha desde su paralisis di trenta y seis anja caba, e por pasea un distancia razonable sin mester di yudanza.

Rescue

For Pantophlet, this was his third rescue. The first took place in 1937 on Finger Pier No. 4, when he rescued a sailor in much the same manner.

Pantophlet, who is acting Corporal A on the docks, has been with Lago for 21 years

Theater Players Debut With Successful Revue

Pictured here in their last general rehearsal before staging their first show are some of the members of the newly organized Aruba Theatre Players.

First performance by the new theatrical group was a musical comedy, "Varieties of 1951," given December 19 at the de Veer Theatre with a second showing December 21 at the Principal Theatre in San Nicolas.

Already the players are planning their next show which they expect to present "in five or six months."

Promotions Announced



T. H. Harrod



J. E. Keller



N. A. DeFrees



B. S. Whitney



E. A. Molzer

Promotions were announced late last month for three in Light Oils Finishing and one each in Laboratories and Clubs.

T. H. Harrod was named process foreman in charge of Distilling and Treating Operations. Mr. Harrod joined the Company September 7, 1912, and transferred to Aruba in May 1929 as a treater.

J. E. Keller has been promoted to shift foreman in LOF. He served as an operator from his arrival March 12, 1935 until March 1949, when he was made assistant shift foreman.

N. A. de Frees was promoted to assistant shift foreman in LOF. He has been with Lago since July 31, 1937, with three years out for military service. His last position was operator.

B. S. Whitney has been promoted to group head B, No. 2 Laboratory, filling the vacancy created by E. C. Johnson's transfer to the New York Office.

E. A. Molzer was promoted to the position of supervisor - Esso Club. He joined Lago in March 1946 as a maintenance inspector in Colony Service.

Aruba e portret aki nos ta mira algun di e miembronan di e "Aruba Theatre Players" recientemente organizá den nan ultimo ensayo general promer cu nan a haci nan promer presentacion dia 19 di December.

Shown in final rehearsal just before staging their first show December 19 and 21 are eight members of the newly organized Aruba Theatre Players.



Performers gather for a picture after the variety show staged by the Aruba Amateur Dramatic Club at the Cecilia Hall December 16.

A concert and dance put on by the Aruba Amateur Dramatic Club was a feature of the early Christmas season, with over 25 young actors and actresses in a variety show at the Cecilia Theater December 16.

Musical numbers on the piano, trumpet, accordion, and harmonica, songs, jokes, dialogues, and Christmas plays made a well-rounded program. B. Riley was chairman of the committee organizing the show.

E. V. Emmanuel of No. 1 Powerhouse organized the society and is its president. Chief purpose of the group is the development of talented young people.

Surinam Educator Visits Voc. School

Lago's vocational training center was inspected last week by Surinam's director of vocational schools, J. H. Stebenitsky.

Mr. Stebenitsky came to Aruba in order to survey vocational teaching here and visited both government schools as well as the one at Lago.

Although Surinam has had a vocational training program for the past 16 years, it has been on a limited basis. Officials now are planning to expand the program.

To see what courses are covered by larger technical schools in the area and to learn about the methods used in teaching various subjects, was the purpose of Mr. Stebenitsky's visit.

The Surinam Director seemed favorably impressed by what he saw here, and was particularly interested in the shop-training program at Lago.

Three Office Parties Mark Yuletide



Some of the 50 guests who attended the Executive Office Staff Christmas party are seen here watching one of the slide-song entertainment events.

Miembronan di Personal di Executive Office y nan invitadonan tabata presente na un Christmas Party na cas di Jim Lambert ariba e anochi di 18 di December.

Members of the Executive Office staff and their guests attended a Christmas Party given at the home of Jim Lambert the evening of December 18.

Following a series of slides on Trinidad, well-known Calypso singer Lucius Henry Foote sang several songs about the famous island.

The slide-song showings were interspersed with servings of refreshments. Approximately 50 people attended.

The Industrial Relations department held its annual Christmas party the afternoon of December 22 in the American Legion Home.

Christmas carols, led by a choral group of women employees of the department, were sung by the guests, and sandwiches and soft drinks were served.

With George Hemstreet as chairman, other committee members included Oliver T. Rock, decorations; Mrs. Mildred Chung, catering; Carmen Gravenhorst, finance; E. M. O'Brien, sound system and refreshments; and Hubert Richardson and Fisher Chichester, entertainment.

Several days previously, the instructors in the Training division entertained guests at a Christmas party at the Winter Garden.

Oliver Rock leading the women's choral group in a number of Christmas songs at the Industrial Relations department's annual Christmas party.



Government and Lago Employees Bow in Christmas Season



Govt. Party

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prizes were awarded to holders of lucky, free tickets, but in the excitement their names could not be obtained.

J. J. Horigan, president of Lago, started the festivities with a short speech welcoming to the party members of the Aruba government with whom the company has had close contact during the past year. Noting that the party was again back at its old site, the Marine Club, he said that last year the Golf Club was tried as a place for the party but had been found to be "too roomy." After thanking the government workers for their cooperation with Lago during the past year, Horigan introduced Dr. L. C. Kwartz, Lt. Governor of Aruba.

Taking note of the traditional nature of the party that has been an annual event for a "couple of dozen years," Dr. Kwartz said, in part, "It may be a coincidence that this gathering always takes place a few days before Christmas, the day on which we have to remember there must reign peace on earth and a good understanding between our fellow citizens and ourselves."

Dr. Kwartz, however, said he did not believe it to be a coincidence, but "that this day is deliberately chosen, as this traditional party is based on a sound mutual understanding and on the conviction that nothing worthwhile ever is achieved without an open-hearted mutual confidence in each other."

After the serious portion of his message had been given, the Governor started the entertainment by telling several humorous stories. Following the Governor's speech, the anthems of three nations were sung, "Wilhelmus Van Nassauwe," "God Save the King," and "The Star Spangled Banner."

Several groups of entertainers furnished songs and humor with an international flavor. Syd Tucker gave his impression of an English lord in caricature; Val Ijnam and Sam Speciale teamed up as cowboy singer and guitar player, with a rendition of several Western songs;

TOP LEFT — If this candid shot is any judge, the entertainment program was enjoyed by the guests at Lago's annual Christmas party for Government employees. TOP RIGHT — A well-filled food basket is collected by V. Mierlo, chief of detectives at San Nicolas, after his number was drawn by J. J. P. Oduber (Accounting) of the party committee; the smile at right belongs to Wm. Porter (Marine), master of ceremonies. LOWER LEFT — Latin songs by H. Gordon (Storehouse) with guitar accompaniment by S. Speciale (Dispensary) were the bit of the evening. LOWER RIGHT — These interested spectators are Lt. Gov. L. C. Kwartz, Lago President J. J. Horigan, Captain J. Dourlein of the Netherlands Marines, and Chief Departmental Assistant H. Hessling.

ARIBA BANDA ROBEZ — Si nos per luzga for di e retrato aki nos ta mira cu e huespedes na e Christmas Party Annual di Lago pa empleadonan di Gobierno a goza di e programa di fiesta. ARIBA BANDA DRECHI — V. Mierlo, Hefe di Detectivo na San Nicolas, ta ricibi un maento bon yená di cuminda despues cu su numero a worde sacá door di J. J. P. Oduber (di Accounting), miembro di Comision di Fiesta; e sonrisa na banda drechi ta bini di Wm. Porter (Marine Dept.), Maestro di Ceremonia. ABAO BANDA ROBEZ — Canciones Latino cantá door di H. Gordon (di Storehouse) acompañjã cu guitarra pa S. Speciale (di Dispensario) tahata e "hit" di e anochi. ABAO BANDA DRECHI — E observadorman interesá ta Gezaghebber L. C. Kwartz, President di Lago J. J. Horigan, Kapitein J. Dourlein di Marina Halandes y Hoofdecommies H. Hessling.

"De Neus" Oppenhuizen sang a Dutch version of "The Thing," and Harry Gordon wound up the formal entertainment with several popular songs in Spanish, including "Bula Waya".

Refreshments were served throughout the party, and music was presented by the Lago Colony Band under the direction of the Rev. Don R. Evans.

NEW ARRIVALS

December 12

RICHARDS, Nicolas E.; A son, Hernandez Reginaldo.
ROMNEY, Christopher; a daughter, Betty Christabelle.

December 13

KROZENDIJK, Efigenio; A son, Luciano Ortilde.
PETERSON, Louis H. E.; A daughter, Dalila Mystica.
MAXWELL, William F.; A son, Richard Augustine.

December 14

BOYE, Jose A.; A daughter, Mirtha Arsenia.
CASTER, Tarcisio; A daughter, Nicasio.
AUGUSTINE, Simon; A daughter, Nalinete.

December 15

VAN DER BEEZEN, Florentino M.; A son, Everardo Maximiliano.
FLEMING, Luis H.; A son, Pedrito Alfonso.
MOHAMED, Jozef P. A.; A son, Hugo Stanley.
RIDDERSTAP, Francisco; A son, Maximo Everaldo.

December 16

EDMUND, Solomon; A son, Jonas Jemol.
CROES, Jacinto; A daughter, Adela Albina.
SELIX, John A.; A son, Sylvester Fernando.

December 17

PHILLIPS, Cecil C.; A son, Winston Eric Alexander.
KELLY, Augustin; A son, Julian Antonio.

December 18

VAN DER LINDE, Damaso; Twies, a son, Emiliano Alex, & a daughter, Esperanza Maria.
NOEL, George S.; A daughter, Madeline Redrix.

December 19

DE CUBA, Maximo; A son, Walter Simon.

December 20

DHRKZ, Maximo; A daughter, Filomena.
VROOLIK, Norberto; A daughter, Tomínica Magdalena.

December 21

BACCHUS, Elan; A son, Beldaran.
WOUTERS, Juan; A daughter.
GONSALVES, Emmanuel A.; A daughter, Yvonne Yolanda.
ARENDZ, Venancio; A daughter, Galista Maria.

December 22

GOI'VEIA, Eugene L.; A son, Wayne Eugene.
WERLEMAN, Ajodinio; A son, Hemelin.
WEVER, Francisco; A son, Roberto Francisco.

December 24

MADURGO, Alejandro; A son, Mirlo Arturo.

December 25

GEERMAN, Severiano; A daughter, Esusita Frederika.

December 26

HOAZ, Hendrik; A son, Hendrik.
SILBERIE, Leonardo F.; A son.

December 27

GIEL, Pedro P.; A son, Eric Rudolf.

Retiring from Lago in mid-December after long service were Truman Dossey of Acid & Edeleanu, and Ed Harris of Light Oils Finishing. Mr. Dossey was employed at Wood River, Illinois from May 1920 to January 1950, when he came to Aruba as a 2-cl. helper at the Acid Plant. He later became an operator and in July 1948 was made shift braker for shift foremen and operators. At his retirement he was shift foreman (temporary). He has tentative plans to settle in St. Thomas of the Virgin Islands, but will scout around some neighboring places before making up his mind.

Mr. Harris also joined the Company at Wood River, Illinois, in September 1915. In February 1929 he came to Aruba as a stillman in the Light Oils Finishing Department, and on May 1 of the same year was promoted to shift foreman. Since January 1949 he had been process foreman.



Gifts and scrolls, farewell picnics and luncheons, were in order last month for Truman Dossey (below) and Ed Harris (right) as they joined the ranks of annuitants. R. V. Heinze is making the presentation to Mr. Dossey, while J. A. Sharpe did the honors at the LOF office.



S.N. Scouts Do Well In Benefit Lottery

The three-prize lottery sponsored by the Netherlands Boy Scouts in San Nicolas and the Tarabana group of the Netherlands Girl Scouts before Christmas was a solid success, with the thousand tickets sold in less than a month.

While the exact amount made in the lottery will not be known until a tax question is settled, the Scouts cleared several thousand guilders. Projects the money will be applied against include completion of fencing the grounds surrounding the two



Joseph Halley of the Shipyard Office needed a car and the Scout raffle provided a Buick at an investment of only Fls. 10.

clubhouses in San Nicolas, furnishing drinking water, and the addition of toilet facilities.

The lottery proved to be very popular and the tickets sold easily. The group may repeat the project after a year.

Winner of the first prize, a Buick, was Joseph Halley of the Shipyard Office, with No. 657. He had been intending to buy a car, and the Scouts made it easy at the reasonable purchase price of Fls. 10. The electric refrigerator went to George McCoy of the Cracking Plant, and the washing machine was won by Juan Kock.

Dutch Marines Feted In Party at Golf Club

Nearly 200 officers and men of the Dutch Marine detachment stationed at Sabaneta were entertained by the Lago Community Council at a Christmas party December 21. Held at the golf club, the party included refreshments, entertainment and presents for all.

A committee, headed by Bill Koopman, M & C, included Chief Gilbert Brooks, Lago Police; Jan Hamelers, TSD; Paul Grodijn, TSD; Lt. H. Oopenhuizen, Lago Police; Nick Schindeler, TSD; and Dr. Robert de Goede of Oranjestad. In addition, as a sort of ex officio member of the committee, was Jaap Hulsbergen. Well known for his culinary skills, Hulsbergen, who is in charge of the mess hall and the colony club at the Eagle Oil Company's refinery, cooked food for all the guests.

Although the fine food and the generous refreshments comprised the "main event" of the evening for many, other entertainment was abundantly provided. Mrs. Ina van de Winkel, of Oranjestad, well known under the name Ina Verwoerd to radio fans in Holland, sang several songs in Dutch.

A chance to match their strength against a trained weight-lifter was given the Marines by T. Frederick of the Storehouse. In a unique demonstration, Frederick invited the Marines to compete with him in an impromptu contest, a challenge they cheerfully accepted. They lost out, however, in the face of Frederick's training, practice and conditioning.

Accordian music was presented by W. Tak, of Oranjestad; and with M & C's Karel Egers acting as emcee, a quiz program was held.

More than 600 presents were given to the Marines; 500 of them donated by Aruba merchants. Lago's Safety Department gave the visitors 100 leather wallets, and in addition, each guest received a Lago calendar.



Something unique in home-furnishing merchandising came to Aruba with the opening of a model home on Kamerlingh Onnes Street, Oranjestad. Each room has been completely furnished, each in a different basic style, and the house is open for inspection. Above is a view of the comfortable combination living room-dining room, and at the right is a partial view of the modernly outfitted bedroom. Open until January 15, the house was furnished by the N.V. Mesker Furniture Store.



The Victoria sports club girls' basketball team which participated in Christmas Day competition in Curaçao is shown here. Back row, from left, are M. Reyes, F. Hartogb, P. Winterdaal, P. Geerman, Sara Geerman (Captain), and Simon Geerman (Manager). Front row, from left, R. Lewis, M. Frank, Olga Arindell, and D. Langedijk. Reyes and Langedijk did not make the trip, and not included in the picture is Celia Winterdaal who did go. Also not shown is team coach, Alphonso Paula.

Rotary's Playground Party Drows Morny Merrymakers

The dance and casino staged by the Aruba Rotary Club December 22 to help complete two playground projects for Aruba's children scored a success both in amount of proceeds and in pleasure for the guests. Over 300 thronged the Palm Beach Club to combine pleasure and good will, with most dividing their time about equally between the games of chance inside and the dancing outside. Refreshments and raffles rounded out the evening.

An unusual coincidence was the winning of the door prize, a brass-smoking stand donated by Ch. J. Neme, by a visiting Rotarian, R. Pugh, from Spring Valley, New York. In the raffles Mrs. Kan won the coffee maker given by M. Viana, and Mrs. Godfried Croes won the electric iron donated by Aruba Trading Company. A feature of the evening was the Rotary group's mass congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Heinze, who started celebrating their 34th wedding anniversary at midnight.

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Caribe Girls Invade Curaçao, Take 2 Games

To celebrate their eighth anniversary, the girls basketball team of the A.S.V. Victoria sports club chartered a plane for Curaçao where they played two games during the Christmas holidays.

The first game was played at 7:30 p.m., December 25, against a team of girls from Surinam, and the Victoria girls won handily with a score of 11-6. Playing the second game on the Rif at 7:30 p.m. on Boxing Day, the girls from Aruba won again, this time at a score of 12-1.

As a token of its victories, the Aruba team was awarded a cup by each of the host teams, and in addition, they were entertained by the Athena sports club in Curaçao. Taken on sight-seeing trips to various places on the island, the girls were also guests at several dances.

The Victoria girls say they hope soon to entertain Athena here.

partment was chairman of the committee that arranged the party.

The Story of The Tin Soldier

There were once five and twenty tin soldiers who were brothers, for they had all been made from the same old tin spoon. They were very grand in their new red and blue uniforms, as they shouldered their guns and looked straight before them.

The first thing the soldiers ever heard were the words, "Tin Soldiers!" shouted by a little boy, who clapped his hands with delight when the lid was taken off the box in which they lived.

It was the little boy's birthday, and the soldiers had been given to him for a birthday present. The little boy took the soldiers out of the box, and stood them on the table. They were exactly alike, except one, who had only one leg. He was the last one to be made, and there had not been enough tin to finish him; but he stood as firmly on one leg as the others did on two.

There were many other playthings on the table where the soldiers stood; but the most attractive one was a pretty little paper castle. The windows were very tiny, but still one could look through them and see the inside of the rooms. In front of the castle stood little trees around a piece of looking-glass, which looked like a lake of clear water. Beautiful little wax swans were swimming about the lake and were reflected on its glassy surface.

This was all very pretty; but the prettiest thing of all was a tiny little lady, who stood at the open door of the castle. She also was made of paper; but her dress was of the thinnest muslin, with a narrow blue ribbon like a scarf over her shoulders. At the middle of the ribbon was a shining tinsel rose as big as her whole face.

The little lady stretched out both her arms, for she was a dancer, and she raised one foot so high that the tin soldier could not see it at all, and thought that she also had but one leg.

"She would make a fine wife for me," said the soldier; "only she is so grand and lives in a castle, while I have only a box to live in. Besides, there are five and twenty of us in the box, and there is no room for her. Still I must try to become acquainted with her."

Then he lay down at full length behind the snuffbox, where he could watch the dainty lady, who still stood on one leg without losing her balance.

When evening came, the tin soldiers were put into the box — that is, all of them except the soldier with one leg, who was left standing on the table — and the people of the house went to bed. Then the toys began to play and have jolly times on the table. The tin soldiers rattled in their box, for they wanted to get out and play with the others; but they could not lift the lid. The nutcracker turned somersaults, and the pencil jumped about the table. They made so much noise that the canary woke up and began to sing in the middle of the night. Only the tin soldier and the dancer remained in their places. She stretched out both her arms and stood on tiptoe as firmly as he did on his one leg. He never turned his eyes from her, even for a single moment.

The clock struck twelve. Up flew the lid of the snuffbox, but there was no snuff in it; for it was not a real snuffbox, but only the house of a goblin named Jack-in-the-Box.

The goblin looked very fierce and said, "Tin soldier, keep your eyes to yourself."

The tin soldier pretended not to hear him, and that made the goblin very angry. He snapped his teeth and said, "Only wait 'til tomorrow! Then you'll see!"

The next morning the children put the tin soldier in the window. No one knows whether it was the goblin or the wind that did it, but it is certain that the soldier fell from the third story window to the street below. It was a terrible fall. He landed on his head, and his bayonet wedged in between some stones and held him there with his one leg straight up in the air.

Then it began to rain. The drops fell faster and faster until there was a regular shower. When the shower was over, two boys who were idling about the street happened to pass by.

"Look," said one of them, "here is a tin soldier. He ought to have a boat to sit in."

So they made a boat from a newspaper, and stood the tin soldier in it and sent him sailing down the gutter. Then the two boys ran along beside him clapping their hands. The waves were very high and the current was strong. The paper boat rocked up and down, and it sometimes turned around so quickly that the soldier trembled; but he stayed at his post. He shouldered his musket and looked straight before him.

All at once, the boat shot into a long drain, where it was as dark as it was in the box where the other tin soldiers lived.

"Where am I going now?" thought he. "This must surely be the goblin's fault. Oh! if only the little lady were with me in the boat, I should not care

how dark it was." A huge water-rat that lived under the bridge soon came in sight.

"Have you a pass?" asked the rat; but the tin soldier kept silent and held his musket tighter than ever.

The stream carried the tin soldier on more rapidly than ever, and he could already see daylight where the drain ended. Then he heard a rushing sound that was enough to frighten the bravest man. At the end of the drain the water fell into a canal; this was as dangerous for his tiny craft as going over a waterfall would be for a boat.

The little paper boat dashed on, but the soldier stood as firmly as he could, to show that he was not afraid. The boat whirled around three or four times until it was filled with water. Then it began to sink. The tin soldier stood up to his neck in water, while the boat sank deeper and deeper. Soon the water closed over his head. He thought of the pretty little dancer whom he should never see again and he was very sad.

Then the paper boat became soft and was torn to pieces. The soldier dropped down deeper into the water, but was at once swallowed by a huge fish.

Oh, how dark it was inside the fish! It was even darker than it was in the drain, and there was no room for him to move; but the tin soldier kept his courage and lay at full length with his gun on his shoulder.

The fish swam about, making the most fearful movements, but at last it became quite still. Then a flash of lightning seemed to dart through him. Daylight appeared, and a voice called out, "As I am alive, the tin soldier!" The fish had been caught, taken to the market and sold to the cook who took him to the kitchen and cut him open with a large knife. She picked up the soldier, held him by the waist between her thumb and finger, and carried him into another room where everybody was surprised to see this wonderful soldier who traveled about inside a fish. But he was not at all proud.

They put him on the table. What curious things happen in the world! The soldier was in the very same room in which he had been before. He saw the same children, the same toys stood on the table; and there was the same castle with the pretty little dancer. She was still standing on one foot and holding up the other. She was as firm and as faithful as he was. He was almost moved to tears. He looked at her and she looked at him; but they said nothing.

Then one of little boys took up the tin soldier and threw him into the stove. He gave no reason for doing this, so it must have been the fault of the goblin.

The flames gathered around him and the heat was terrible; but he could not tell whether the heat came from the fire or from love. His bright red and blue colors were gone, but whether that had happened on his travels or had been caused by sorrow, no one could say. He looked at the little lady, and she looked at him. He felt himself melting away, but still he stood there with his gun on his shoulder.

Suddenly the door of the room opened, and the wind caught up the dancer and whirled her right into the stove beside the tin soldier. Instantly, she was caught up by the flames and was gone. The tin soldier melted down to a lump, and the next morning when the maid took out the ashes, she found him in the shape of a little tin heart. Nothing remained of the dancer but the tinsel rose, and that was burned as black as a coal.

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